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UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

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Transmitted herewith for filing under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) and 37 CFR 1.53(b) is a new utility patent application for an invention entitled:

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ATTACHING CONNECTIVE TISSUES
TO BONE USING A KNOTLESS SUTURE ANCHORING DEVICE

and invented by:

Seth A. FoersterIf a **CONTINUATION APPLICATION**, check appropriate box and supply the requisite information:

[] Continuation [] Divisional [] Continuation-in-part (CIP) of prior application No.: _____

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Enclosed are **Application Elements**: Filing Fee Specification having 32 page(s) and including the following:

- Title of the Invention
- Cross References to Related Applications (*if applicable*)
- Background of the Invention
- Brief Summary of the Invention
- Description of the Drawings
- Description of the Preferred Embodiment
- Claim(s) as Classified Below
- Abstract of the Disclosure
- 10 Sheets of Drawings(s) (37 CFR 113) [] Formal Informal
- Oath or Declaration Executed Unexecuted
 - [] Copy from prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d)) (*for continuation/divisional application only*)
- Power of Attorney Executed Unexecuted
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- Incorporation By Reference -- The entire disclosure of the prior application from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under the above entry, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.
- Computer Program in Microfiche (*Appendix*)

Accompanying Application Parts

- Assignment Papers (cover sheets & documents(s))
- The prior application is assigned of record to _____
 - [] Copy from prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d)) (*for continuation/divisional application only*)
- 37 CFR 3.73(B) Statement (*when there is an assignee*)
- English Translation Document (*if applicable*)

Information Disclosure Statement/PTO-1449 Copies of ___ IDS Cited Reference(s)
 Preliminary Amendment
 Acknowledgment postcard
 Application is entitled to Small Entity Status.
 Application Data Sheet
 Request of NON-PUBLICATION of Application
 Certificate of Mailing by Express Mail
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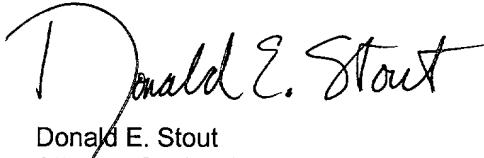
Fee Calculation and Transmittal

**The filing fee is calculated on the basis of the claims existing in the prior application as amended by the accompanying preliminary amendment noted above.*

CLAIMS AS FILED					
For	#Filed	#Allowed	#Extra	Rate	Fee
Total Claims	39	- 20 =	19	X \$ 18.00	\$ 342.00
Independent Claims	4	- 3 =	1	X \$ 80.00	\$ 80.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Multiple Dependent Claims	(check if applicable) <input type="checkbox"/>				\$ 0.00
				BASIC FEE	\$ 710.00
				SUBTOTAL	\$ 1132.00
				(Application is entitled to small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27)	adjusted small entity status claim fees [rate ÷ 2]
					YES \$ 566.00
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				TOTAL FILING FEE	\$ 606.00

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Respectfully Submitted,



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1. Transmittal letter;
2. Specification/Claims/Abstract 32 pages
(Specification & Abstract / 25 pages; Claims 39 / 7 pages);
3. 10 sheets of informal drawings;
4. Declaration for Patent Application;
5. Application Data Sheet;
6. Assignment with Recordation Cover Sheet;
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Each of the 8 above-identified documents are enclosed herewith.

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REQUEST FOR NON-PUBLICATION OF APPLICATION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 213(a)

Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby request that the above-referenced patent application, filed concurrently herewith, **NOT BE PUBLISHED** under 35 U.S.C. § 122(b). In making this request, applicants certify that the invention disclosed in the application has not and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication at 18 months after filing.

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